

Review of: "Exploring the Link between Climate Change and Farming in Rural and Peri-Urban Communities in Sierra Leone"

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The author addressed an important issue, but the article needs a major revision. Few suggestions are made to help improve the quality of the manuscript.

- The article needs a thorough correction and improvement of the English language.
- The abstract is too lengthy; improve it by giving the important highlights of the research.
- In the methodology section, mention what the criteria were for the selection of the districts for the study and how sampling was done.
- Overlapping of text in the graphs and in percentages: use a decimal instead of a comma. Exact percentages are missing in graphs from figure 5 onward, which poses difficulty in knowing the exact percent of each bar. Figure 5 discussion --- "slightly less than eight percent (47.5%)----" needs correction. The first sentence of section 3.4.4.2 is not clear. In some sections, the result is presented in N, while the rest of the manuscript uses percentages, so it is better to use percent to give a clear picture.
- Could not find any correlation, regression, and multi-linear regression analysis in the manuscript as mentioned in the methodology section. If you had done the analysis, give the result; otherwise, delete it from the methodology.
- Correct the style for writing 'et al.' according to the journal's policy wherever needed in the introduction section (like after the authors' names, remove the comma). In-text citation style needs correction as well, such as Maghey et al. (2019), no need to put a comma before the brackets.
- Add 's' to conclusions as it is not singular. The conclusions section is also too long. In the conclusions, there is no need to give detail about the study in the first two paragraphs, and also, it is a repetition of the material. The detail in the 2nd paragraph about sampling should be given in the methodology section. Conclusions need a lot of improvement by focusing on what the achieved result indicates and what can be concluded from these results. Rewrite it addressing major findings.
- Recommendations are missing; add them. You have given a single recommendation in the abstract, but the manuscript has no recommendations at the end. What recommendations can be made as policy implications for a future strategy to address the challenges faced by the farmers of the study area?
- Cross-check all the references with the text and also use one style for the reference list according to the journal's guidelines, especially the journal's name; some are abbreviated while others are given in full.

